



# Reading 2005, Grade 8

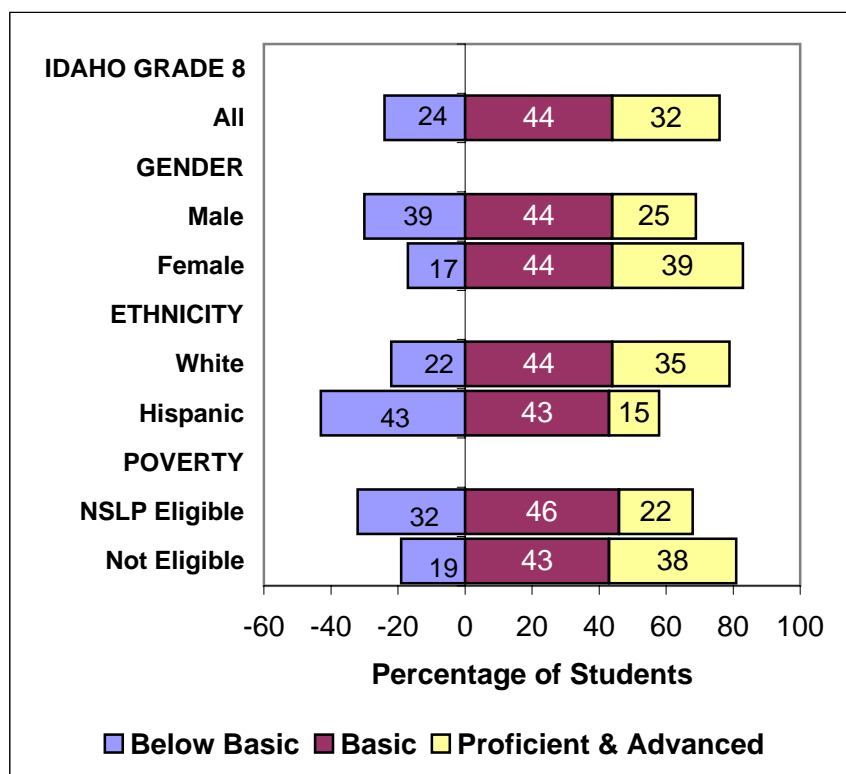
## Reading Composite

### Idaho NAEP Snapshot

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The Reading assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) used multiple-choice and constructed-response questions to examine comprehension in three contexts: Reading for Literary Experience, Reading to Be Informed, and Reading to Perform a Task. The reading scale scores ranged from 0 to 500, where 243 is a *Basic* performance, 281 is *Proficient*, and 323 is *Advanced*.

### Reading Performance Levels by Demographic Group



- ◆ On the NAEP 2005 reading assessment, the percentage of eighth grade female students in Idaho who scored at or above *Basic* (83 percent) was higher than their male peers (70 percent).
- ◆ On the NAEP 2005 reading assessment, the percentage of eighth grade White students in Idaho who scored at or above *Basic* (78 percent) was higher than their Hispanic peers (57 percent). Sample size was not sufficient to permit a reliable estimate of writing performance for Black, Asian, and American Indian students.
- ◆ On the NAEP 2005 reading assessment, the percentage of Idaho fourth graders who qualified for free or reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) scoring at or above *Basic* (68 percent) was lower than their peers who were not eligible for the program (81 percent).

Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.  
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